DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

ready there are settlers in six townships, with a population, including the town of Dryden, of 700 persons and 37,000 acres have been located for settlement.

Experimental Fruit Stations.

In order to test the suitability of the different parts of the Province for fruit growing, the Minister of Agriculture established a number of Experimental Stations. Owing to the extent of the Province and the different climatic conditions as well as differences of soil, it was thought desirable to ascertain with some degree of certainty what fruit would yield the best results at different points of the Province. The report from the different stations has greatly aided fruit growers in setting out orchards adapted to these conditions, and thus greater certainty has been secured and consequently greater profit in fruit growing. There are fifteen such fruit stations located in different parts of the Province, including St. Joseph Island and Wabigoon, in Algoma.

Agricultural Societies.

Agricultural Societies were first established in Outario in 1830. Their increase in the past 33 years is shewn as follows:—

| | 1868. | 1901. |
|--|--------|----------|
| District Societies | 81 | 96 |
| Township and Horticultural Societies | 253 | 333 |
| Grants by the Legislature\$ | 54,074 | \$76,650 |
| Total grants to Agricultural Societies, 1868 to 1871 | | .215,113 |
| " " " 1872 to 1901 | | ,932,725 |
| Aid given to other Agricultural Associations since | 1872 | 512,204 |
| All other Purposes | 2 | ,709,588 |
| | | |

Grand total aid to Agriculture since 1872.....\$5,154,517

Other Associations.

The extent to which the Department of Agriculture encourages the various industries committed to its care may be seen from the following table:—

| Grant in | 1871. | Grant in 1901. |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Fruit Growers' Association \$ | 500 | \$ 1,800 |
| Entomological Society | õ0 0 | 1,000 |
| Eastern Dairymen's Association | | 4,000 |
| Western Dairymen's Association | | 4,060 |
| Can. Horse Breeders' Association | | 2,000 |
| Dom. Sheep Breeders' Association | | 2,000 |
| Dom. Swine Breeders' Association | | 2,000 |

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